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for OPTICAL COUPLING DEVICE)	

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Sir:

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The following is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. European Patent Publication No. 1 202 085 B1 - An English language translation of the claims is enclosed.

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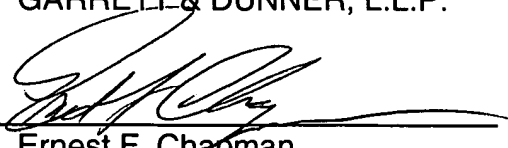
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